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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: US/EC DISCUSSION ON TIMETABLE FOR MTN

REFTEL: EC BRUSSELS 07761

FOR: AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS FROM: AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

1. OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH EC COMMISSION LEADERS THIS PAST MONDAY OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNBLOCK THE MTN. I KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION MUST SECURE THE SUPPORT OR AT LEAST ACQUIESCENCE OF THE MEMBER STATES IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE BASIS OF THE AMBITIOUS TIMETABLE AND SUBSTANTIVE UNDERSTANDINGS OUTLINED REFTTEL. I ALSO KNOW IT AS PRIMARILY THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SELL THE PLAN  
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TO THE MEMBER STATES.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD PERSONALLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN TO THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE AGREEMENTS WE REACHED ON JULY 11 AND THE SERIOUS CONCERN WE WOULD HAVE IF THE MEMBER STATES FAIL TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT.

3. NEW TIMETABLE PRESENTS BELGIANS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL YIELD VERY IMPORTANT

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FAR-REACHING RESULTS DURING THEIR COUNCIL PRESIDENCY.

4. THIS ISSUE REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL ATTENTION  
FOR SUCCESSFUL FOLLOW-UP TO LONDON SUMMIT. VANCE

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